



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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To: School Committee

Subj: RECOMMENDATION TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE 5 INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR DECEMBER 5, 2016

As you know from previous reports and updates, a Special Town Meeting will convene on December 5, 2016 to vote on a warrant article appropriating funds for the Beal Early Childhood Project Feasibility Study. We expect the recommended amount will be \$1.2M and that the 50.16% reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority [MSBA] will apply so the town's net cost would be +-\$600,000 if the appropriation were fully expended.

Since this is the School Committee's last meeting before the Special Town meeting, we are recommending that you vote to affirm this appropriation as a body so as to demonstrate your support.

If this appropriation is approved, then we expect to be on the MSBA Board of Directors agenda for their February 15, 2017 meeting [their next regularly scheduled meeting] seeking their approval to move from Module 1, Eligibility Period to Module 2, Forming the Project Team. The primary objectives in Module 2 are to solicit and hire an Owner's Project Manager [OPM] and architect to assist us in completing the Feasibility Study.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Beal Early Childhood Center Building Committee for a feasibility study for the renovation, expansion and/or replacement of the Beal Early Childhood Center located at 1-7 Maple Avenue, as shown on Assessor's Tax Map Plate 22, Lot 158000, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Recommended Motion:

I move that we vote to support Article 5 on the December 5, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant that would provide \$1.2M in funding for the Beal Early Childhood Center Feasibility Study and allow us to move into Module 2 of the MSBA building process.